GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration and Stamps – Allegations of tearing and tampering of records in the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry – Disciplinary action initiated against 25 Charged Officers – Inquiry – Charge proved against certain Charged Officers – Final orders issued -Punishment of stoppage of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect imposed against Smt.M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o RO(OB), Rajahmundry – Review petition filed under Rule 38 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 to set aside the punishment – Considered - Orders - issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1404 **Dated:26.11.2019**

Read the following :-

1. DIG, R&S, Kakinada Lr.No.X/388/2014, dt: 9.12.2014 & dt: 30.09.2015.
2. G.O.Rt No. 1211, Rev(Vig.II) Department, dt: 27.11.2015.
3. G.O.Rt No. 1212, Rev(Vig.II) Department, 27.11.2015.
4. G.O.Rt No. 1328, Rev(Vig.II) Department, 31.12.2015.
5. DIG, R&S, Kakinada, Lr No.X/388/2014-2, dt: 1.10.2016.
6. Govt. memo No. 36555/Vig.II(1)/2014-5, dt: 10.01.2017.
7. Representation of the CO Smt. M.S. Kiranmayi, Jr.Asst., dt: 16.02.2017.
8. G.O.Rt.No.960, Rev(Vig.II) Department, dt: 14.09.2017.
9. Government Memo No.17021/16/Vig.II(1)/2018-1, dated 14.06.2018 with Review Petition dt.17-10- 2017 of Smt. M.S. Kiranmayi, Jr.Asst, RO (OB), Rajahmundry received vide Lr.No.Nil, dt.17-10-2017 of SR, Allavaram.
10. From the DIG, R&S, Kakinada vide letter dt: 19.11.2018
11. From The C&IG, R&S, in letter dated 11.09.2019.
12. Representation from Smt.M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Jr.Asst, O/o.RO (OB), Rajahmundry through CMO (Spandana), dated 09.09.2019.

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O R D E R :

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has brought to the notice of the Government that certain officials of Registration & Stamps department who worked previously in the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry from 2011 onwards were involved in tearing and tampering of records in Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry. The Disciplinary Authority i.e., the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Smt.M.S.Kiranmayi, Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry duly framing the charge among certain others. The Charged Officer submitted Written Statement of Defence. Due to involvement of certain Retired officials along with in service officials, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada has sent proposals for conducting common enquiry as all of them were involved in common irregularity.

2. Government vide reference 2nd read above, have ordered for common enquiry against all the 25 Registration officials who were commonly involved in the allegation of tearing and tampering of records in the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry. Further, Government vide references 3rd & 4th read above, have appointed Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada as Inquiring Authority and District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Machilipatnam as Presenting Officer. The Inquiring Authority has

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furnished the enquiry report in the reference 5th read above, wherein he held among others that the charge framed against Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, Junior Assistant, Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry was held proved among certain others.

3. Government have examined the matter and communicated the Inquiring Authority report to the Charged Officer duly offering her representation if any on the findings of Inquiring Authority vide reference 6th read above. The Charged Officer submitted representation while stating among other things, she has requested to consider her representation to drop further proceedings against her or to order for re-enquiry in the matter.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government have imposed a punishment of stoppage of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, Registrar Office, Original Branch, Rajahmundry vide reference 8th read above.

5. Aggrieved by the above, Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry has filed revision petition before the Government to set aside the said punishment imposed by Government in the reference 8th read above. In the Review Petition among other things, she has mainly contended that Sri P.Venkata Reddy, R/o.Ramachandrapuram, Anaparthi, and another have obtained the Certified copies of the following three fake documents on the dates mentioned against them:

Sl. No.	Document Number	Certified copy obtained on
1.	5093/1974	19.12.2012
2.	6088/1979	31.12.2012
3.	6149/1979	05.06.2013

6. Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry has further submitted that the Appellant has stated that Sri P.Venkata Reddy and another have filed W.P. No.3448/2014 before Andhra Pradesh High Court on 06-02-2014 and it is clear from that the original documents were tampered and fake documents were placed between 1979 to 19-12-2012 and that she joined in Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajamahendravaram on 27-06-2013 on transfer from Registrar Office (Administrative Branch), Rajamahendravaram and as such the issue of tampering of above said documents were occurred before her joining in the office of Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry. As contended by the Charged Officer had the alleged act of tampering of above said documents took place prior to her joining in Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry, she may not be held responsible for the said act. The punishment imposed against her is very grave and requested to set aside the punishment imposed against her.

7. In the reference 9th read above, the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada, was requested to furnish specific remarks on the review petition filed by Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry. The Deputy Inspector General, Registrar & Stamps, Kakinada vide reference 10th read above, has stated that previously two Certified Copies for the fabricated documents were issued on 05.06.2013 and 10.06.2013 and thus it is evident that the said volume was already tampered. Thus, it is evident that the document was already tampered prior to 05.06.2013 and Smt. M.S. Kiranmayi, Junior

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Assistant issued Certified copy only on 28.02.2014 i.e. only after the document was already tampered, as she joined duty in the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmahendravarm only on 27.06.2013. Further, since the certified copies are prepared by taking print out of the documents captured through camera, it is not possible to find whether a particular document was tampered or not. He has finally stated that no irregularities are found against her in discharging her duties in the matter. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, in the reference 11th read above, has reiterated the remarks submitted by the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada in the reference 10th read above.

8. Smt.M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o. Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry has filed another representation received through Chief Minister's Office (Spandana), wherein while stating among other things, she has requested the Government to examine her issue and do justice in the matter.

9. Government after reviewed the case in detail, have decided to set aside the punishment of withholding of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o.Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry imposed vide reference 8th read above.

10. Accordingly, Government hereby set aside the punishment of withholding of three annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Smt. M.S.Kiranmayi, the then Junior Assistant, O/o.Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry.

11. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Kakinada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To
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The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Kakinada.
Copy to:
The Revenue (Registration-I) Department.
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